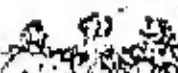


INTIMATIONS

THEATRE  ROYAL,
CITY HALL.

MONDAY, 26th May, 1884, at 9 P.M.

GRAND CONCERT
GIVEN BY
SIGNORA LOUIZA MARCHETTI,
CELEBRATED PRIMA DONNA,
kindly assisted by a Lady AMATEUR, Maestri
CANTANEO and MENESER, and GENTLEMEN
AMATEURS.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle and Stalls.....	\$2.00.
Stall (Back Seats).....	\$1.00.

Tickets can be obtained at Messrs. KELLY & WALTON's, and at the Doors on the night of Performance.

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1884. [993]

IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE
Government Gazette that the QUEEN'S
BIRTHDAY will be kept this year on the
28th of June, the Undersigned Banks will
BE OPEN for Public Business as usual TO-DAY,
SATURDAY, the 24th May.

FOR THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA.
JOHN THURSDON,
Manager, Hongkong.

FOR THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUST-
RALIA, AND GUINIA.
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Acting Manager, Hongkong.

FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

FOR the Company of DISCOVERY, NEW HAVEN,
J. ABERNETHY, Agent.
Hongkong, 24th May, 1884. [699]
**THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.**
FOR MANILA via A.MOY.
THE Company's Steamship
"ESMERALDA."
Captain Hutchison, will be despatched for the
above ports TO-DAY, the 24th instant at
THREE P.M. instead of as previously advertised.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 23rd May, 1884. [605]

THE Steamship
"ELECTRA."
 Captain F. Nagel, will have immediate despatch
 as above.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, 23rd May, 1884. [1006
NOTICE

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.
THE Company's Steamship
"SAGHALIEN".
Captain Homery will be despatched for
SHANGHAI
shortly after her arrival from Europe.
I. MARTIN,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 24th May, 1894.
NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.
THE Company's Steamship
"VOLGA"
Captain Du Temple, will be despatched for
YOKOHAMA
shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail
from Europe.
I. MARTIN,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, 24th May. 1884.

A GODOWN OR STORAGE in the Central District.
Apply to **HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.**
Hongkong, 21st May, 1884. [184]

WANTED—A SITUATION, by a YOUNG MAN as CLERK, or TELEGRAPH OPERATOR, having a thorough knowledge of colloquial Chinese and Malay, and good references.
Apply to **J. G.**
Care of "Daily Press."
Hongkong 9th May, 1884. [182]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE Undersigned has REMOVED to the rest of his former place of business. Entreaties from Messrs. Turner & Co's. Leave
WILLIAM DOLAN

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

ON and after the First June Next, the STORE of the Undersigned will be REMOVED to the Premises lately in the occupation of Messrs. Eça da Silva & Co., No. 8, Queen's Road.

H. FOURNIER & Co.,
Stockkeepers and Wine Merchants.
HONGKONG 1st May, 1881.

NOTICE.

SIGNOR ALCHIDAY SCALPHE, from
MILAN, offers to the Ladies and Gentle-
men of Hongkong his **SERVICES** as **PIANO**
TUNER, and solicits their liberal patronage.
Address to the **Commercial Ha-**
Hongkong, 6th May, 1884. [906]

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.

A N INTERIM BONUS of 15 per cent
upon contributions for the year 1883, has
just been declared.

WARRANTS may be had on application at the
Love Office on and after the 10th proximo.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.

[886]

Hongkong, 29th April, 1884.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that in accordance
with Resolution No. 2 passed at the
Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders
held at the City Hall on the 30th December,
1881, all **SHARES** not taken up and the 1st,
2nd, and 3rd **CALLS PAID** on or before
the 30th June next, will be disposed of by the
Directors in such manner as in their discretion
they shall think best in the interests of the
Company.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

[889]

Hongkong, 26th April, 1884.

INTIMATIONS.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT
EIGHT PER CENT. LOAN OF 1881.
SECOND DRAWING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that in conformity with the stipulations contained in the Bonds of this Loan, the following Numbers of Bonds to be paid off at Par at the Office of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, a Hongkong, on the 24th day of May, 1894, when the interest thereon will cease to be payable, were this day Drawn at the Office of the said Corporation in Hongkong, in the presence of Mr. GEORGE ROBERT JOHNSTON, Chief Accountant of the said Corporation, and of the undersigned Notary.

NUMBERS OF BONDS DRAWN.

1000 BONDS NOS.			
6	15	24	33
67	76	85	94
103	112	121	130
146	155	164	173
188	197	206	215
237	246	255	264
285	294	303	312
340	349	358	367
396	405	414	423
456	465	474	483
516	525	534	543
576	585	594	603
636	645	654	663
696	705	714	723
764	773	782	791
824	833	842	851
896	905	914	923
964	973	982	991
1003	1012	1021	1030
1063	1072	1081	1090
1123	1132	1141	1150
1183	1192	1201	1210
1240	1249	1258	1267
1307	1316	1325	1334
1373	1382	1391	1400
1440	1449	1458	1467
1514	1523	1532	1541
1581	1590	1599	1608
1654	1663	1672	1681
1724	1733	1742	1751
1798	1807	1816	1825
1876	1885	1894	1903
1954	1963	1972	1981
2031	2040	2049	2058
2116	2125	2134	2143
2194	2203	2212	2221
2281	2290	2299	2308
2363	2372	2381	2390
2454	2463	2472	2481
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2664	2673	2682	2691
2784	2793	2802	2811
2894	2903	2912	2921
2994	3003	3012	3021
3114	3123	3132	3141
3194	3203	3212	3221
3284	3293	3302	3311
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3994	4003	4012	4021
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4284	4293	4302	4311
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4494	4503	4512	4521
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4694	4703	4712	4721
4794	4803	4812	4821
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4994	5003	5012	5021
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5194	5203	5212	5221
5294	5303	5312	5321
5394	5403	5412	5421
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6994	7003	7012	7021
7094	7103	7112	7121
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7294	7303	7312	7321
7394	7403	7412	7421
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For Shanghai Tails 500 each—Shanghai

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

(Signed) G. R. JOHNSTON,
Chief Accountant.

Notary Public,
Hongkong.

Hongkong, 28th day of March, 1894. [1000]

THE INTEREST ON 24th day of May on
rent of the above LOAN, together with the
BONDS DRAWN for Redemption, will be
PAID at the Office of this Corporation on and
after that date.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING
Corporation,
Agents issuing the Loan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 24th May, 1894. [1001]

NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON AND CO.

FAMILY AND DISPENSARY
CHEMISTS.

By Appointment to His Excellency the Go-
VERNOR and His Royal Highness the
DUKE OF EDINBURGH.

WHOLESALE RETAIL DRUGGISTS

PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS.

DRUGGISTS' SUPPLIES.

And

ERATED WATER MAKERS.

SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS REFITTED

PASSENGER SHIPS SUPPLIED.

NOTICE.—To avoid delay in the execution of
Orders it is particularly requested that all
business communications be addressed to the
Firm, A. S. Watson and Co., or

HONGKONG DISPENSARY. [23]

SWAMP OF IMITATIONS.

LEA AND PERKINS' SAUCE

The Original and Genuine.

Worcestershire Sauce

Lea and Perkins is a well

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needed improvements. Little by little the
long arrears of public works, so much re-
quired, so disgracefully delayed, are being
completed, and the Colony may soon look to
being in possession of proper accommodation
for institutions which have hitherto had
to struggle along in the purpose, and where it
was quite impossible to secure the comfort of,
and sometimes a hopeless task to restore
health to, the patient.

"Look here! Upon my soul you mustn't
come into the place saying you want to know,
you know!" was the remonstrance which
THE BARNARD Junior, of the immortal
Circumlocution Office, addressed to a bewil-
dered taxpayer who had ventured to "want
to know" something connected with that
ancient institution. A faint echo of the
Tart HANCOCK formula may have passed
through the mind of any of our readers who
happened to be present in the Police Court
on Tuesday last during the rehearing of the
case HADGRAV v. RANSON, when the Collector
of Stamp Revenue, who prosecuted, remark-
ed that he "had said before, and would
take this occasion of saying again, that the
question the defendant went to the Stamp
Office to ask was one which he had no
business to ask there. The Stamp Office
existed to supply the public with Stamps,
not with legal opinions, and if anybody
thought he did not require a stamp he had
to take the consequences of his belief."

The resemblance between the remark of
Mr. THE BARNARD and that of Mr. LITZKE
is, however, merely superficial. We hope
to convince such of our readers as are
interested in the subject that, harsh as it
may sound, it is not to the interest of the
public or of anybody that every person who
chooses should present himself at the Stamp
Office and "want to know, you know."

The popular idea no doubt is that it is
highly convenient to be able to drop in at
the Stamp Office and ask, "What's the
Stamp duty on this?" just as one would
inquire at Covent Garden the price of early
strawberries. It seems curious that the
Collector should decline to answer so simple
a question, and so it would be if he were in
a position to answer it, but in nine cases out
of ten he is not. The theory, as far as we
know, of every Stamp Office in the world, is
that the applicant asks for a blank stamp of
a certain value fixed by himself, on which he
proceeds to write the instrument he intends
to execute. If the stamp is insufficient the
responsibility is his, as also if there is no
stamp at all, and it must not for one moment
be transferred to the office which stands open
to supply him with any stamp he wants.

But, argues the average layman, why cannot
that Office be accommodating and tell him
what stamp he needs? Simply because, in
any legal or authoritative sense, that
Office does not know. No Stamp Act that
ever was passed provides for ever could pro-
vide for every possible case. Deeds of novel
forms come up like flowers, and when they
get into a Court of Law, are cut down sud-
denly like the grass. Amateur solicitors
will invent new instruments of their own
devising, the terror of all who have to do
with them; even trained lawyers cannot re-
sist the temptation of devising two instru-
ments into one, and so producing a *tertium*
quid the correct duty on which can only be
settled by the familiar if undigested process
of tossing up. Now the Collector of Stamp
Duty has nothing before him but the Act
he administers, and this is equally accessible
to the public. His interpretation is only
his own opinion, the opinion of a layman,
and even if it were that of a lawyer, on many
points of Stamp law hardly any two lawyers
take the same view. It is most undesirable
that the probator of a stamp should be led
to believe that he has got an infallible opin-
ion, pronounced *ex cathedra*, on the
sufficiency of the duty he has paid, when any
judge before whom the instrument comes
may at once upset such an opinion and pro-
nounce it worthless.

For this is just the kernel of the whole
matter. The only authority which can really
interpret a Stamp Act is that of a Court,
and even the interpretation so given may be
under appeal. To take a simple example.
Under the existing Stamp Ordinance it is
held that documents executed out of the
Colony are not liable to duty. This is
nowhere stated in so many words. It is an
inference from the text, and rests on the
opinion of a former Attorney-General. His
opinion may be upset by the Supreme Court
to-morrow, and the Supreme Court's opinion
may again be reversed by the Privy Council,
not perhaps exactly the day after. Or to
take a still simpler case. Nobody can
doubt what would have been the answer
of the Collector to the question "Does a
broker's note require a stamp under all
circumstances?" at any rate until Mr. RAN-
SON appealed to the Supreme Court for the
point. The Collector would have said Yes,
but according to Mr. RANSON, who was
believe, a lawyer before he

